THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) The Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms undertook a study of the working of the Press Information Bureau in the year 1983-84 to streamline the organisational structure and functioning of the Headquarters and Regional/Branch offices of the Press Information Bureau. The study report is awaited.

(b) The Press Information Bureau continuously examines the question of effective publicity for the policies and activities of the Government The Bureau employs a variety of means—written material, Press Conferences, briefings and conducted tours—to disseminate information on Government policies and activities.

Coverage by AIR

1090. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure hundred per cent coverage of the country's population by AIR; and

(b) the expenditure that is likely to be incurred and the number of transmitters that would have to be set up for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) After the implementation of the schemes included in the 6th Plan, the day time medium wave coverage in the country would extend to 95 per cent by population and 86 per cent of the area.

In its draft 7th Plan proposals, AIR has included schemes to increase the coverage to 97 per cent by population and 91 per cent by area. Implementation of the schemes will, however, depend on the final shape of the 7th Plan.

For 100 per cent radio coverage, AIR would in all require 350 transmitters of different power denominations in medium wave, F.M. and short wave. The present day estimation of expenditure on this account would approx. be Rs 1000 crores.

Railway wagons for movement of fertilisers

1091. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the requirement of Railway wagons for movement of fertilisers in the year 1985-86;

(b) the number of wagons allotted by the Railways and what is the movement target; and

(c) what alternative steps Government proposed to take to complete the movement target, if wagons are not allotted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) It is not possible to give the exact number of wagons required for movement of fertiliser, as a combination of broad-gauge and metre-gauge wagons are involved in it. However, the approximate requirement is about 1200 broad-gauge and 500 metre-gauge